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SUBJ: VISIT TO MALI BY UTAH INTERNATIONAL MINING PERSONNEL

1. UTAH INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT GEOLOGISTS CHRIS GREGORY, BASED BRISBANE WITH AFFILIATE UTAH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, AND ALASTAIR BRICKELL, BASED TEMPORARILY NAIROBI, VISITED MALI JUNE 2-5. ALTHOUGH MALIAN MINES DIRECTOR DIALLO OUT OF TOWN, THEY MET WITH DIRECTOR OF CABINET, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND SENIOR GOM MINING ENGINEER AND VISITED PARASTATAL MINERAL RESOURCES RESEARCH AND EXPLOITATION SOCIETY (SONAREM) HEADQUARTERS AT KATI. UTAH REPS INTEREST PRIMARILY CONFINED TO URANIUM EXPLORATION WESTERN MALI. MALIANS PROVIDED ALL NECESSARY CONCESSION APPLICATION FORMS, INDICATED WILLINGNESS GRANT DESIRED CONCESSION AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EVENTUAL 50-50 JOINT VENTURE SHOULD EXPLOITATION PHASE MATERIALIZE. GREGORY PLANS, UPON RETURN BRISBANE, TO RECOMMEND TO UTAH OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO THAT LATTER SEND TEAM MALI TO NEGOTIATE CONVENTION AND CONSIDER AERIAL SURVEY OF CONCESSION AREA.

2. EMBASSY AWARE JAPANESE HAVE RECENTLY SIGNED CONVENTION FOR URANIUM EXPLORATION MALI. GREGORY SAYS JAPANESE CONCESSION NORTH-EAST OF GAO.
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